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SUBJ: 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, FOURTH MEETING, DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP (DNG)

- 1. FOURTH MEETING OF DNG STARTED WORK ON ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE -- ITEM 11 -- UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.
- 2. FOUR COUNTRIES -- ROMANIA, BRAZIL, FRANCE AND IRAQ STARTING MAKING SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN INTER-RUPTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO FORM SMALL WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT THE VARIOUS WORKING DOCUMENTS, SUMMARIZE ISSUES, AND PRESENT A DRAFT DOCUMENT TO FULL DNG FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.
- 3. CHAIRMAN STARTING OFF SUGGESTING A SIX MEMBER GROUP CONSISTING OF SAUDI ARABIA, NIGERIA, IRAQ, INDIA, USSR AND BELGIUM. IN A QUICK SERIES OF VOLUNTEERING, WITH-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DRAWALS, NEW ADDITIONS BY CHAIRMAN, WITHDRAWAL BY ONE

INITIAL VOLUNTEER, AND URGING FOR REVOLUNTEERING BY CHAIRMAN, THE FINAL WORKING GROUP EMERGED AS FRANCE (CHAIRMAN), BELGIUM, JAPAN, BRAZIL, NIGERIA, SAUDI ARABI, BURMA, ROMANIA AND BSSR.

- 4. IT DECIDED THAT NINE MEMBER DRAFTING GROUP WOULD HOLD FOUR WORKING SESSIONS AND PRESENT A DRAFT DOCUMENT TO DNG AFTERNOON OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 8.
- 5. LENGTHY DISCUSSION THEN ENSUED WITH EASTERN EUROPEANS, CUBA, AND ARGENTINA WANTING TO ADD ALL KINDS OF WORKING DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DRAFTING GROUP. THESE INCLUDED NIEO AND CERD'S DOCUMENTS, RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, RECENT COLOMBO DECLARATION OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, ALL RELEVANT PAST UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, AND THE TEXT OF THE LENGTHY PROPOSAL MADE BY USSR AT 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON BRINGING ABOUT THE NIEO.
- 6. IT FINALLY DECIDED TO CONSIDER BASIC DOCUMENTS ON RELEVANT UN DECISIONS ON NIEO, EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS, 18 GC DECISIONS, AND 19TH GC WORKING DOCUMENTS.
- 7. CHAIRMAN'S SCHEDULE FOR WORK OF DNG AS FOLLOWS:
- A. NIEO DRAFTING GROUP COMPLETE FIRST DRAFT DOCUMENT MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8.
- B. DNG START CONSIDERING DOCUMENT MONDAY AFTERNOON. WORK TWO DAYS AND REACH ITS DECISION BY TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 9.
- C. REPORT ITS FINDINGS, EITHER CONSENSUS OR OTHERWISE TO PLENARY NEXT DAY.
- \$. TURN ATTENTION TO ITEM 9 AND 10 ON PEACE STARTING PROBABLY NOVEMBER 10.
- E. CHAIRMAN SAYS DNG SHOULD FINISH BY NOVEMBER 20, CONSIDERING ALL QUESTIONS REFERRED TO IT.

8. COMMENT:

A. RE COMPOSITION OF SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON NIEO, US IS UNCLEAR WHETHER COMPOSITION OF FINAL GROUP WAS DUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO CHAIRMAN, BOSSIER-PALUN'S SKILLFUL MANEUVERING OR DUE TO CHANCE. HOWEVER, RESULT WAS MOVING FROM AN INITIALLY PROPOSED GROUP HEAVILY UNBALANCED AGAINST US VIEWS RE NIEO (BELIGUM ARRAIGNED AGAINST IRAQ, INDIA AND USSR, WITH NIGERIA AND SAUDI ARABIA PROBABLY NOT BEING TOO VOCAL); TO THE FINAL GROUP WHICH IS MUCH BETTER BALANCED FROM US POINT OF VIEW, FRANCE AND JAPAN BEING ADDED IN ADDITION TO BELGIUM. IRAQ, INDIA AND USSR MOVING OFF THE

GROUP. BRAZIL, BURMA AND BSSR BEING ADDED.

B. CHAIRMAN BOSSIER-PALUN CONTINUES TO MOVE ALONG AT RAPID PACE REJECTING DELAYING TACTICS OF EAST EUROPEANS AND IRAQ. HE ALSO RESISTING ATTEMPTS OF THESE AND LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES TO BURY DNG UNDER MOUNTAINS OF EXCESS WORKING DOCUMENTS.

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